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To authorize appropriations for fiscal years 2008, 2009, and 2010 for the
National Science Foundation, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Mr. BAIRD (for himself and [see ATTACHED LIST of cosponsors]) introduced
the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on

A BILL

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2010 for the National Science Foundation, and for other
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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “National Science
5 Foundation Authorization Act of 2007”.

6 **SEC. 2. DEFINITIONS.**

7 In this Act:

1 (1) BOARD.—The term “Board” means the Na-
2 tional Science Board established under section 2 of
3 the National Science Foundation Act of 1950 (42
4 U.S.C. 1861).

5 (2) DIRECTOR.—The term “Director” means
6 the Director of the Foundation.

7 (3) ELEMENTARY SCHOOL.—The term “elemen-
8 tary school” has the meaning given that term by
9 section 9101(18) of the Elementary and Secondary
10 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801(18)).

11 (4) FOUNDATION.—The term “Foundation”
12 means the National Science Foundation.

13 (5) INSTITUTION OF HIGHER EDUCATION.—The
14 term “institution of higher education” has the
15 meaning given such term in section 101(a) of the
16 Higher Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 1001(a)).

17 (6) SECONDARY SCHOOL.—The term “sec-
18 ondary school” has the meaning given that term by
19 section 9101(38) of the Elementary and Secondary
20 Education Act of 1965 (20 U.S.C. 7801(38)).

21 **SEC. 3. AUTHORIZATION OF APPROPRIATIONS.**

22 (a) FISCAL YEAR 2008.—

23 (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
24 appropriated to the Foundation \$6,500,000,000 for
25 fiscal year 2008.

1 (2) SPECIFIC ALLOCATIONS.—Of the amount
2 authorized under paragraph (1)—

3 (A) \$5,080,000,000 shall be made avail-
4 able for research and related activities, of which
5 \$115,000,000 shall be made available for the
6 Major Research Instrumentation program;

7 (B) \$873,000,000 shall be made available
8 for education and human resources, of which—

9 (i) \$94,000,000 shall be for Mathe-
10 matics and Science Education Partner-
11 ships established under section 9 of the
12 National Science Foundation Authorization
13 Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 1862n);

14 (ii) \$70,000,000 shall be for the Rob-
15 ert Noyce Scholarship Program established
16 under section 10 of the National Science
17 Foundation Authorization Act of 2002 (42
18 U.S.C. 1862n–1);

19 (iii) \$44,000,000 shall be for the
20 Science, Mathematics, Engineering, and
21 Technology Talent Expansion Program es-
22 tablished under section 8(7) of the Na-
23 tional Science Foundation Authorization
24 Act of 2002 (Public Law 107–368); and

1 (iv) \$51,620,000 shall be for the Ad-
2 vanced Technological Education program
3 established by section 3(a) of the Scientific
4 and Advanced-Technology Act of 1992
5 (Public Law 102-476);

6 (C) \$245,000,000 shall be made available
7 for major research equipment and facilities con-
8 struction;

9 (D) \$285,600,000 shall be made available
10 for agency operations and award management;

11 (E) \$4,050,000 shall be made available for
12 the Office of the National Science Board; and

13 (F) \$12,350,000 shall be made available
14 for the Office of Inspector General.

15 (b) FISCAL YEAR 2009.—

16 (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
17 appropriated to the Foundation \$6,980,000,000 for
18 fiscal year 2009.

19 (2) SPECIFIC ALLOCATIONS.—Of the amount
20 authorized under paragraph (1)—

21 (A) \$5,457,400,000 shall be made avail-
22 able for research and related activities, of which
23 \$123,100,000 shall be made available for the
24 Major Research Instrumentation program;

1 (B) \$934,000,000 shall be made available
2 for education and human resources, of which—

3 (i) \$100,600,000 shall be for Mathe-
4 matics and Science Education Partner-
5 ships established under section 9 of the
6 National Science Foundation Authorization
7 Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 1862n);

8 (ii) \$101,000,000 shall be for the
9 Robert Noyce Scholarship Program estab-
10 lished under section 10 of the National
11 Science Foundation Authorization Act of
12 2002 (42 U.S.C. 1862n-1);

13 (iii) \$55,000,000 shall be for the
14 Science, Mathematics, Engineering, and
15 Technology Talent Expansion Program es-
16 tablished under section 8(7) of the Na-
17 tional Science Foundation Authorization
18 Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-368); and

19 (iv) \$55,200,000 shall be for the Ad-
20 vanced Technological Education program
21 as established by section 3(a) of the Sci-
22 entific and Advanced-Technology Act of
23 1992 (Public Law 102-476);

1 (C) \$262,000,000 shall be made available
2 for major research equipment and facilities con-
3 struction;

4 (D) \$309,760,000 shall be made available
5 for agency operations and award management;

6 (E) \$4,120,000 shall be made available for
7 the Office of the National Science Board; and

8 (F) \$12,720,000 shall be made available
9 for the Office of Inspector General.

10 (c) FISCAL YEAR 2010.—

11 (1) IN GENERAL.—There are authorized to be
12 appropriated to the Foundation \$7,493,000,000 for
13 fiscal year 2010.

14 (2) SPECIFIC ALLOCATIONS.—Of the amount
15 authorized under paragraph (1)—

16 (A) \$5,863,200,000 shall be made avail-
17 able for research and related activities, of which
18 \$131,700,000 shall be made available for the
19 Major Research Instrumentation program;

20 (B) \$1,003,000,000 shall be made avail-
21 able for education and human resources, of
22 which—

23 (i) \$107,600,000 shall be for Mathe-
24 matics and Science Education Partner-
25 ships established under section 9 of the

1 National Science Foundation Authorization
2 Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 1862n);

3 (ii) \$133,000,000 shall be for the
4 Robert Noyce Scholarship Program estab-
5 lished under section 10 of the National
6 Science Foundation Authorization Act of
7 2002 (42 U.S.C. 1862n-1);

8 (iii) \$60,000,000 shall be for the
9 Science, Mathematics, Engineering, and
10 Technology Talent Expansion Program es-
11 tablished under section 8(7) of the Na-
12 tional Science Foundation Authorization
13 Act of 2002 (Public Law 107-368); and

14 (iv) \$59,100,000 shall be for the Ad-
15 vanced Technological Education program
16 as established by section 3(a) of the Sci-
17 entific and Advanced-Technology Act of
18 1992 (Public Law 102-476);

19 (C) \$280,000,000 shall be made available
20 for major research equipment and facilities con-
21 struction;

22 (D) \$329,450,000 shall be made available
23 for agency operations and award management;

24 (E) \$4,250,000 shall be made available for
25 the Office of the National Science Board; and

1 (F) \$13,100,000 shall be made available
2 for the Office of Inspector General.

3 (d) MAJOR RESEARCH INSTRUMENTATION.—

4 (1) AWARD AMOUNT.—The minimum amount
5 of an award under the Major Research Instrumenta-
6 tion program shall be \$100,000. The maximum
7 amount of an award under the program shall be
8 \$6,000,000, except—

9 (A) if the total amount appropriated for
10 the program for a fiscal year exceeds
11 \$125,000,000, in which case the maximum
12 amount of an award shall be \$8,000,000; or

13 (B) if the total amount appropriated for
14 the program for a fiscal year exceeds
15 \$200,000,000, in which case the maximum
16 amount of an award shall be \$12,000,000.

17 (2) USE OF FUNDS.—In addition to the acqui-
18 sition of instrumentation and equipment, funds made
19 available by awards under the Major Research In-
20 strumentation program may be used to support the
21 operations and maintenance of such instrumentation
22 and equipment.

23 (3) COST SHARING.—

24 (A) IN GENERAL.—An institution of higher
25 education receiving an award shall provide at

1 least 30 percent of the cost from private or
2 non-Federal sources.

3 (B) EXCEPTIONS.—Institutions of higher
4 education that are not Ph.D.-granting institu-
5 tions are exempt from the cost sharing require-
6 ment in subparagraph (A), and the Director
7 may reduce or waive the cost sharing require-
8 ment for institutions—

9 (i) which are not ranked among the
10 top 100 institutions receiving Federal re-
11 search and development funding, as docu-
12 mented by the statistical data published by
13 the Foundation; and

14 (ii) for which the proposed project will
15 make a substantial improvement in the in-
16 stitution's capabilities to conduct leading
17 edge research, to provide research experi-
18 ences for undergraduate students using
19 leading edge facilities, and to broaden the
20 participation in science and engineering re-
21 search by individuals identified in section
22 33 or 34 of the Science and Engineering
23 Equal Opportunities Act (42 U.S.C. 1885a
24 or 1885b).

1 (e) UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION PROGRAMS.—The
2 Director shall continue to carry out programs in support
3 of undergraduate education, including those authorized in
4 section 17 of the National Science Foundation Authoriza-
5 tion Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C. 1862n–6). Funding for these
6 programs shall increase in proportion to the increase in
7 the total amount appropriated to the Foundation in any
8 year for which appropriations are authorized by this Act.

9 (f) LIMIT ON PROPOSALS.—

10 (1) POLICY.—For programs that require as
11 part of the selection process for awards the submis-
12 sion of preproposals and that also limit the number
13 of preproposals that may be submitted by an institu-
14 tion, the Director shall allow the subsequent submis-
15 sion of a full proposal based on each preproposal
16 that is determined to have merit following the Foun-
17 dation’s merit review process.

18 (2) REVIEW AND ASSESSMENT OF POLICIES.—

19 The Board shall review and assess the effects on in-
20 stitutions of higher education of the policies of the
21 Foundation regarding the imposition of limitations
22 on the number of proposals that may be submitted
23 by a single institution for programs supported by the
24 Foundation. The Board shall determine whether cur-
25 rent policies are well justified and appropriate for

1 the types of programs that limit the number of pro-
2 posal submissions. Not later than 1 year after the
3 date of enactment of this Act, the Board shall sum-
4 marize its findings and any recommendations re-
5 garding changes to the current policy on the restric-
6 tion of proposal submissions in a report to the Com-
7 mittee on Science and Technology of the House of
8 Representatives and to the Committee on Commerce,
9 Science, and Transportation and the Committee on
10 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Sen-
11 ate.

12 **SEC. 4. CENTERS FOR RESEARCH ON LEARNING AND EDU-**
13 **CATION IMPROVEMENT.**

14 The Director shall continue to carry out the program
15 of Centers for Research on Learning and Education Im-
16 provement as established in section 11 of the National
17 Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C.
18 1862n-2).

19 **SEC. 5. INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Board shall evaluate the role
21 of the Foundation in supporting interdisciplinary research,
22 including through the Major Research Instrumentation
23 program, the effectiveness of the Foundation's efforts in
24 providing information to the scientific community about
25 opportunities for funding of interdisciplinary research pro-

1 posals, and the process through which interdisciplinary
2 proposals are selected for support. The Board shall also
3 evaluate the effectiveness of the Foundation's efforts to
4 engage undergraduate students in research experiences in
5 interdisciplinary settings, including through the Research
6 in Undergraduate Institutions program and the Research
7 Experiences for Undergraduates program.

8 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 1 year after the date
9 of enactment of this Act, the Board shall provide the re-
10 sults of its evaluation under subsection (a), including a
11 recommendation for the proportion of the Foundation's re-
12 search and related activities that should be allocated for
13 interdisciplinary research, to the Committee on Science
14 and Technology of the House of Representatives and the
15 Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation
16 and the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and
17 Pensions of the Senate.

18 **SEC. 6. PILOT PROGRAM OF GRANTS FOR NEW INVESTIGA-**
19 **TORS.**

20 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Director shall carry out a
21 pilot program to award one-year grants to individuals to
22 assist them in improving research proposals that were pre-
23 viously submitted to the Foundation but not selected for
24 funding.

1 (b) USE OF FUNDS.—Grants awarded under this sec-
2 tion shall be used to support the generation of new data
3 and the performance of additional analysis to enable an
4 individual to resubmit an updated research proposal for
5 review by the Foundation through the agency’s competi-
6 tive merit review process.

7 (c) ELIGIBILITY.—To be eligible to receive a grant
8 under this section, an individual shall—

9 (1) not have previously received funding as the
10 principal investigator of a research grant from the
11 Foundation; and

12 (2) have submitted a proposal to the Founda-
13 tion, which may include a proposal submitted to the
14 Research in Undergraduate Institutions program,
15 that was rated very good or excellent under the
16 Foundation’s competitive merit review process.

17 (d) SELECTION PROCESS.—The Director shall make
18 awards under this section based on the advice of the pro-
19 gram officers of the Foundation.

20 (e) PROGRAM ADMINISTRATION.—The Director may
21 carry out this section through the Small Grants for Ex-
22 ploratory Research program.

23 (f) NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD REVIEW.—The
24 Board shall conduct a review and assessment of the pilot
25 program under this section, including the number of new

1 investigators funded, the distribution of awards by type
2 of institution of higher education, and the success rate
3 upon resubmittal of proposals by new investigators funded
4 through this pilot program. Not later than 3 years after
5 the date of enactment of this Act, the Board shall summa-
6 rize its findings and any recommendations regarding
7 changes to or the continuation of the pilot program in a
8 report to the Committee on Science and Technology of the
9 House of Representatives and the Committee on Com-
10 merce, Science, and Transportation and the Committee on
11 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate.

12 **SEC. 7. BROADER IMPACTS MERIT REVIEW CRITERION.**

13 (a) IN GENERAL.—In evaluating research proposals
14 under the Foundation’s broader impacts criterion, the Di-
15 rector shall give special consideration to proposals that in-
16 volve partnerships between academic researchers and in-
17 dustrial scientists and engineers that address research
18 areas that have been identified as having high importance
19 for future national economic competitiveness, such as
20 nanotechnology.

21 (b) PARTNERSHIPS WITH INDUSTRY.—The Director
22 shall encourage research proposals from institutions of
23 higher education that involve partnerships with businesses
24 and organizations representing businesses in fields that
25 have been identified as having high importance for future

1 national economic competitiveness and that include input
2 on the research agenda from and cost-sharing by the in-
3 dustry partners.

4 (c) REPORT ON BROADER IMPACTS CRITERION.—
5 Not later than 1 year after the date of enactment of this
6 Act, the Director shall transmit to Congress a report on
7 the impact of the broader impacts grant criterion used by
8 the Foundation. The report shall—

9 (1) identify the criteria that each division and
10 directorate of the Foundation uses to evaluate the
11 broader impacts aspects of research proposals;

12 (2) provide a breakdown of the types of activi-
13 ties by division that awardees have proposed to carry
14 out to meet the broader impacts criterion;

15 (3) provide any evaluations performed by the
16 Foundation to assess the degree to which the broad-
17 er impacts aspects of research proposals were car-
18 ried out and how effective they have been at meeting
19 the goals described in the research proposals;

20 (4) describe what national goals, such as im-
21 proving undergraduate science, mathematics, and
22 engineering education, improving K–12 science and
23 mathematics education, promoting university-indus-
24 try collaboration and technology transfer, and broad-
25 ening participation of underrepresented groups, the

1 broader impacts criterion is best suited to promote;
2 and

3 (5) describe what steps the Foundation is tak-
4 ing and should take to use the broader impacts cri-
5 terion to improve undergraduate science, mathe-
6 matics, and engineering education.

7 **SEC. 8. POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH FELLOWS.**

8 (a) MENTORING.—The Director shall require that all
9 grant applications that include funding to support
10 postdoctoral researchers include a description of the men-
11 toring activities that will be provided for such individuals,
12 and shall ensure that this part of the application is evalu-
13 ated under the Foundation's broader impacts merit review
14 criterion. Mentoring activities may include career coun-
15 seling, training in preparing grant applications, guidance
16 on ways to improve teaching skills, and training in re-
17 search ethics.

18 (b) REPORTS.—The Director shall require that an-
19 nual reports and the final report for research grants that
20 include funding to support postdoctoral researchers in-
21 clude a description of the mentoring activities provided to
22 such researchers.

23 **SEC. 9. RESPONSIBLE CONDUCT OF RESEARCH.**

24 The Director shall require that each institution that
25 applies for financial assistance from the Foundation for

1 science and engineering research or education describe in
2 its grant proposal a plan to provide appropriate training
3 and oversight in the responsible and ethical conduct of re-
4 search to undergraduate students, graduate students, and
5 postdoctoral researchers participating in the proposed re-
6 search project.

7 **SEC. 10. REPORTING OF RESEARCH RESULTS.**

8 The Director shall ensure that all final project re-
9 ports and citations of published research documents re-
10 sulting from research funded, in whole or in part, by the
11 Foundation, are made available to the public in a timely
12 manner and in electronic form through the Foundation's
13 Web site.

14 **SEC. 11. SHARING RESEARCH RESULTS.**

15 An investigator supported under a Foundation
16 award, whom the Director determines has failed to comply
17 with the provisions of section 734 of the Foundation Grant
18 Policy Manual, shall be ineligible for a future award under
19 any Foundation supported program or activity. The Direc-
20 tor may restore the eligibility of such an investigator on
21 the basis of the investigator's subsequent compliance with
22 the provisions of section 734 of the Foundation Grant Pol-
23 icy Manual and with such other terms and conditions as
24 the Director may impose.

1 **SEC. 12. FUNDING FOR SUCCESSFUL STEM EDUCATION**
2 **PROGRAMS.**

3 (a) **EVALUATION OF PROGRAMS.**—The Director shall,
4 on an annual basis, evaluate all of the Foundation’s grants
5 that are scheduled to expire within one year and—

6 (1) that have the primary purpose of meeting
7 the objectives of the Science and Engineering Equal
8 Opportunity Act (42 U.S.C. 1885 et seq.); or

9 (2) that have the primary purpose of providing
10 teacher professional development.

11 (b) **CONTINUATION OF FUNDING.**—For grants that
12 are identified under subsection (a) and that are deemed
13 by the Director to be successful in meeting the objectives
14 of the initial grant solicitation, the Director may extend
15 the duration of those grants for up to 3 additional years
16 beyond their scheduled expiration without the requirement
17 for a recompetition. The Director may extend such grants
18 for an additional 3 years following a second review within
19 1 year before the extended completion date, in accordance
20 with subsection (a), and the determination by the Director
21 that the objectives of the grant are being achieved.

22 (c) **REPORT TO CONGRESS.**—Not later than 2 years
23 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Director shall
24 submit a report to the Committee on Science and Tech-
25 nology of the House of Representatives and to the Com-
26 mittee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation and the

1 Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of
2 the Senate that—

3 (1) lists the grants which have been extended in
4 duration by the authority provided under this sec-
5 tion; and

6 (2) provides any recommendations the Director
7 may have regarding the extension of the authority
8 provided under this section to programs other than
9 those specified in subsection (a).

10 **SEC. 13. COST SHARING.**

11 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Board shall evaluate the im-
12 pact of its policy to eliminate cost sharing for research
13 grants and cooperative agreements for existing programs
14 that were developed around industry partnerships and his-
15 torically required industry cost sharing, such as the Engi-
16 neering Research Centers and Industry/University Coop-
17 erative Research Centers. The Board shall also consider
18 the impact that the cost sharing policy has on initiating
19 new programs for which industry interest and participa-
20 tion are sought.

21 (b) REPORT.—Not later than 6 months after the date
22 of enactment of this Act, the Board shall report to the
23 Committee on Science and Technology and the Committee
24 on Appropriations of the House of Representatives, and
25 the Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transpor-

1 tation, the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and
2 Pensions, and the Committee on Appropriations of the
3 Senate, on the results of the evaluation under subsection
4 (a).

5 **SEC. 14. DONATIONS.**

6 Section 11(f) of the National Science Foundation Act
7 of 1950 (42 U.S.C. 1870(f)) is amended by inserting at
8 the end before the semicolon “, except that funds may be
9 donated for specific prize competitions”.

10 **SEC. 15. ADDITIONAL REPORTS.**

11 (a) REPORT ON FUNDING FOR MAJOR FACILITIES.—

12 (1) PRECONSTRUCTION FUNDING.—The Board
13 shall evaluate the appropriateness of the require-
14 ment that funding for detailed design work and
15 other preconstruction activities for major research
16 equipment and facilities come exclusively from the
17 sponsoring research division rather than being avail-
18 able, at least in part, from the Major Research
19 Equipment and Facilities Construction account.

20 (2) MAINTENANCE AND OPERATION COSTS.—

21 The Board shall evaluate the appropriateness of the
22 Foundation’s policies for allocation of costs for, and
23 oversight of, maintenance and operation of major re-
24 search equipment and facilities.

1 (3) REPORT.—Not later than 6 months after
2 the date of enactment of this Act, the Board shall
3 report on the results of the evaluations under para-
4 graphs (1) and (2) and on any recommendations for
5 modifying the current policies related to allocation of
6 funding for major research equipment and facilities
7 to the Committee on Science and Technology and
8 the Committee on Appropriations of the House of
9 Representatives, and to the Committee on Com-
10 merce, Science, and Transportation, the Committee
11 on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions, and the
12 Committee on Appropriations of the Senate.

13 (b) INCLUSION OF POLAR FACILITIES UPGRADES IN
14 MAJOR RESEARCH EQUIPMENT AND FACILITIES CON-
15 STRUCTION PLAN.—Section 201(a)(2)(D) of the National
16 Science Foundation Authorization Act of 1998 (42 U.S.C.
17 1862l(a)(2)(D)) is amended by inserting “and for major
18 upgrades of facilities in support of Antarctic research pro-
19 grams” after “facilities construction account”.

20 (c) REPORT ON EDUCATION PROGRAMS WITHIN THE
21 RESEARCH DIRECTORATES.—Not later than 6 months
22 after the date of enactment of this Act, the Director shall
23 transmit to the Committee on Science and Technology of
24 the House of Representative and the Committee on Com-
25 merce, Science, and Transportation and the Committee on

1 Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions of the Senate a
2 report cataloging all elementary and secondary school, in-
3 formal, and undergraduate educational programs and ac-
4 tivities supported through appropriations for Research
5 and Related Activities. The report shall display the pro-
6 grams and activities by directorate, along with estimated
7 funding levels for the fiscal years 2006, 2007, and 2008,
8 and shall provide a description of the goals of each pro-
9 gram and activity. The report shall also describe how the
10 programs and activities relate to or are coordinated with
11 the programs supported by the Education and Human Re-
12 sources Directorate.

13 (d) REPORT ON RESEARCH IN UNDERGRADUATE IN-
14 STITUTIONS PROGRAM.—The Director shall transmit to
15 Congress along with the fiscal year 2011 budget request
16 a report listing the funding success rates and distribution
17 of awards for the Research in Undergraduate Institutions
18 program, by type of institution based on the highest aca-
19 demic degree conferred by the institution, for fiscal years
20 2008, 2009, and 2010.

21 **SEC. 16. ADMINISTRATIVE AMENDMENTS.**

22 (a) TRIANNUAL AUDIT OF THE OFFICE OF THE NA-
23 TIONAL SCIENCE BOARD.—Section 15(a) of the National
24 Science Foundation Authorization Act of 2002 (42 U.S.C.
25 4862n–5) is amended—

1 (1) in paragraph (3), by striking “an annual
2 audit” and inserting “an audit every three years”;

3 (2) in paragraph (4), by striking “each year”
4 and inserting “every third year”; and

5 (3) by inserting after paragraph (4) the fol-
6 lowing new paragraph:

7 “(5) MATERIALS RELATING TO CLOSED POR-
8 TIONS OF MEETINGS.—To facilitate the audit re-
9 quired under paragraph (3) of this subsection, the
10 Office of the National Science Board shall maintain
11 the General Counsel’s certificate, the presiding offi-
12 cer’s statement, and a transcript or recording of any
13 closed meeting, for at least 3 years after such meet-
14 ing.”.

15 (b) LIMITED TERM PERSONNEL FOR THE NATIONAL
16 SCIENCE BOARD.—Subsection (g) of section 4 of the Na-
17 tional Science Foundation Act of 1950 (42 U.S.C.
18 1863(g)) is amended to read as follows:

19 “(g) The Board may, with the concurrence of a ma-
20 jority of its members, permit the appointment of a staff
21 consisting of not more than 5 professional staff members,
22 technical and professional personnel on leave of absence
23 from academic, industrial, or research institutions for a
24 limited term and such operations and support staff mem-
25 bers as may be necessary. Such staff shall be appointed

1 by the Chairman and assigned at the direction of the
2 Board. The professional members and limited term tech-
3 nical and professional personnel of such staff may be ap-
4 pointed without regard to the provisions of title 5, United
5 States Code, governing appointments in the competitive
6 service, and the provisions of chapter 51 of such title relat-
7 ing to classification, and shall be compensated at a rate
8 not exceeding the maximum rate payable under section
9 5376 of such title, as may be necessary to provide for the
10 performance of such duties as may be prescribed by the
11 Board in connection with the exercise of its powers and
12 functions under this Act. Section 14(a)(3) shall apply to
13 each limited term appointment of technical and profes-
14 sional personnel under this subsection. Each appointment
15 under this subsection shall be subject to the same security
16 requirements as those required for personnel of the Foun-
17 dation appointed under section 14(a).”.

18 **SEC. 17. NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD REPORTS.**

19 Paragraphs (1) and (2) of section 4(j) of the National
20 Science Foundation Act of 1950 (42 U.S.C. 1863(j)(1)
21 and (2)) are each amended by striking “, for submission
22 to” and inserting “and”.